

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 25th October 2015

Incoming QSL Bureau

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) recommends that national societies should, where possible, provide an incoming QSL bureau service to non-members, and IRTS has had this facility for some time. The QSL Inwards Bureau service provided by officers of IRTS is primarily a service for members. However, in accordance with the recommendation from IARU, non-members can avail of this service by making arrangements with the relevant QSL Sub-Manager. Under these arrangements, the non-member would be required to provide envelopes along with appropriate postage costs to the QSL Sub-Manager. See www.irts.ie/qslinfo for information about the IRTS QSL service and links to contact details for the QSL Sub-Managers.

Scout Jamboree

Forty scouts from various units in Meath took part in last weekends Jota operating from the Scout Den in Navan. The scouts built a timber tower to support the 15m, 3 element beam which performed well with excellent contacts with scout stations in west Africa and South America. Other activities on site included electronic kit building and direction finding. Station call sign was EI1DD operated by Seamus EI8BP, Niall EI6HIB and Paul EI2CA

Clubs Holding Radio Theory Classes

The following radio clubs are holding radio theory classes: -

The Cork Radio Club. Names are still being taken for a prospective course for the amateur licence exam and anyone interested in either the course or the club should contact Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574 or by Email to [ei4bz /at/ eircom.net](mailto:ei4bz@eircom.net).

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group is organising radio theory classes. Anyone interested may contact Mark EI7IS or Seany EI2HZB. www.searg.ie You can follow SEARG on Facebook and on Twitter. Everyone welcome.

South Dublin Radio Club welcome enquiries and participants to partake in learning the radio theory necessary to obtain an amateur radio licence.

www.southdublinradioclub.ie

Region 4 radio theory classes in the Limerick region. Interested parties are asked to contact Ger EI4GXB QTHR or on mobile 087-2532512.

Avondhu Radio Club are running classes over the coming winter months. For further information please contact: avondhuradioclub /at/ gmail.com

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

At a recent MREN AGM the new committee elected for the coming year are:
Chairman: Jimmy Kelly EI2GCB, Sectary: Brendan Minish EI6IZ, Treasurer: Adrian Healy EI2HAB, Pro: John O Grady EI8GIB, IRTS Rep: Gerry Cregg EI4GD, Rally Director: Padraic Baynes EI9JA. QSL Manager: Brendan Minish EI6IZ.

DX News

Patrice 3B8FA who is normally resident on the island of Mauritius will be travelling to St Brandon Island and will be active as 3B7FA from 26th to 31st October. He will be operating mainly digital on 20m, 15m and 10m. St Brandon is part of the DXCC entity of Agalega and St Brandon.

Hans SM6CVX will be QRV holiday style as A52CVX from Bhutan from 27th to 29th October. This will be mainly CW only and QSLs go via the home call.

Bill KH6OO is celebrating his 60th year as a radio amateur by operating as T32DX from Kiritimati Island in East Kiribati. He will be joined by his two sons Will W0ZRJ and John N0PJV and they will be on the air from 27th October to 3rd November. Activity will be on all bands 10m – 40m SSB, CW and RTTY.

Three Japanese operators will be active from the island of Palau from 30th October 5th November. Look for the callsigns T88ZE, T88KK and T88SH. They will operate all bands 160m to 6m on CW, SSB and RTTY.

Oliver EI8GQB will activate the callsign EI1A whilst participating in the CQ WW DX SSB contest October 24th to 25th.

He will operate with a new SO2R optimized antenna farm. Look at www.qrz.com/db/ei8gqb to follow him live with his new array of antennas.

IRTS News Services

The closing date for submissions for publication in the December edition of Echo Ireland is November 15th.

Radio News and EI-News rely on individuals and clubs to submit news items that are of interest to members. Articles with pictures attached; the pictures should be sent as separate files and not embedded in the article.

Please make an effort to send newsworthy items to newsteam/at/irts/dot/ie on a regular basis.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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